

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2811
TSUGANE et al.	)	
Serial No. 09/759,715	)	Examiner: Magee, Thomas J.
Filed: January 13, 2001	)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS	)	
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME	)	

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandra, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, the response being extended to Jan. 8, 2004 by the enclosed petition for extension of time, please enter and consider the following: